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The Bidders' inquiries and Responses may be updated from time to time and bidders are enjoined to check the website regularly and immediately prior to the scheduled bid opening.

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**All inquiries must include the contract number.**

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Inquiry No.	Inquiry/Response
1.0	<p>Question_1: This contract is for the maintaining of plants for 4 years (plant establishment). Caltrans has determined that landscaping is not a soil disturbing activity. Further, the Notice of Completion of construction projects are typically issued at the beginning of the plant establishment period.</p> <p>Given the type of activity, the minimal rainfall, and the size of the area, we wonder if a water pollution control program (WPCP) is needed. The frequent (minimum of weekly) inspections, training and documentation seem to be out of proportion with the project estimate of \$100,000 and the risk of pollution leaving the site on this project in this location.</p> <p><b>Response:</b> A Water Pollution Control Program is a minimum requirement and mandatory with all Caltrans projects, per the Construction General Permit. This is just a plan of action and may not be enacted unless it is recommended by the Resident Engineer to do so. At that point the contractor will be paid for its work.</p>
2.0	<p>Question_2: The bidding sheet has a place for the preparation of a WPCP but no place for the implementation of the WPCP. Please confirm that a WPCP is needed and all of the inspections in Section 10 of the contract documents are to be provided for the full 4 years.</p> <p><b>Response:</b> See answer to question one above about Water Pollution Control Program and a Resident Engineer will be assigned to the project for all inspections required.</p>
3.0	<p>Question_3: What is the maximum allowable water allocation (MAWA) for this project?</p> <p>What is the estimated water use (EWU) for this project?</p> <p><b>Response:</b> All planting to be established shall have water applied as often as necessary and at rates appropriate to maintain healthy</p>

	plant growth. Water conservation shall be practiced at all times. Excessive use of water resulting in run-off will not be allowed.
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	See answer above for question 3, this came straight from the specifications for the project.
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